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Dr. William H. Carson was appointed acting assistant surgeon and, by authority of the President, detailed for duty in the office of the United States consul at Santos. He sailed from New York on the steamer *Wardsworth* Wednesday, December 20, 1899, and will assume his duties immediately upon arrival at that port. He has been instructed to endeavor to arrange for transportation of coffee direct from plantations to the vessels without storage in warehouses, which are apt to be infested by rats. He will promptly notify the Bureau of the departure of all vessels for the United States, giving the ports for which the vessels are bound.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Yellow fever in the United States as reported to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service from August 31 to December 22, 1899.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.
Florida:			
Key West	Aug. 31–Sept. 30	859	46
	Oct. 1–Oct. 31	432	20
	Nov. 1–Nov. 20	25	2
	Nov. 26	3	.....
	Nov. 30	1	.....
Miami	Sept. 5–Sept. 22	2	1
	Oct. 19–Oct. 31	45	2
	Nov. 1–Nov. 22	86	7
Port Tampa City	Sept. 4–Nov. 16	10	1
Louisiana:			
New Orleans	Aug. 27–Sept. 30	31	7
	Oct. 2–Oct. 31	73	9
	Nov. 3–Nov. 10	9	4
	Nov. 26–Dec. 9	2	.....
Maryland:			
Baltimore	Oct. 8	*a* 1	1
Mississippi:			
Centerville	Sept. 29	2	.....
Flora	Oct. 25	(*b*)	.....
Jackson	Sept. 10–Oct. 30	55	8
	Oct. 31–Nov. 1	6	1
Mississippi City	Sept. 1	1	1
	Sept. 14–Sept. 29	26	1

a At quarantine station. *b* Yellow fever reported.

Smallpox in Allen County, Ind.

FORT WAYNE, IND., *December 13, 1899.*

SIR: In Sorpio Township, Allen County, near the State line, 8 families are afflicted with smallpox, imported from Delaware, Ohio. They are all quarantined, with smallpox physician and nurse, for treatment. Number of cases so far, 27.

Respectfully,

DR. CARL PROEGLER,
Secretary Allen County Board of Health.

Influenza and smallpox in Norfolk and vicinity.

NORFOLK, VA., *December 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report several cases of influenza at this station. Since my last report it has been impossible for me to obtain any reliable information concerning smallpox at this port. It is reported that it exists in this city, Portsmouth, Berkley, and Norfolk County, and in a more fatal type than last year. In order to report accurately on the situation I addressed letters to the health authorities